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SUBJECT: UNGUREANU INHERITANCE CLAIM

REF: BUCHAREST 6337

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY ASK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO INDICATE DATE AND LEGAL PROVISIONS UNDER WHICH THE ORGHIDAN COLLECTION PASSED TO THE ROMANIAN STATE OR ROMANIAN ACADEMY. WE NOTE THAT INHERITANCE CERTIFICATE ISSUED ON APRIL 25, 1967 DID NOT LIST ORGHIDAN COLLECTION AS PART OF ESTATE OF MRS. ORGHIDAN. HOWEVER, NOTHING IN THE RECORD WHICH WE POSSESS INDICATES WHEN COLLECTION WAS TAKEN BY THE ROMANIAN STATE. IN THIS CONNECTION RIPOSANU ARGUES THAT COLLECTION WAS NEVER TAKEN BY GOR.

2. ALTHOUGH BADESCU ASSERTED THAT THE COLLECTION WAS TAKEN BY THE ROMANIAN STATE IN SEPTEMBER 1944 AT WHICH TIME THE ESTATE WAS SETTLED BY THE ILFOV COURT, WE NOTE THAT AN INVENTORY WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN BY THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY IN 1951. MRS. ORGHIDAN PARTICIPATED IN THIS INVENTORY ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENT INCLUDED IN THE FILE SUBMITTED BY RIPOSANU ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT. BEFORE
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THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE RIPOSANU

REGARDING VALIDITY OF THIS CLAIM, WE MUST HAVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THE DATE THE COLLECTION WAS TAKEN BY THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH EVIDENCE, WE MUST WITHHOLD MAKING A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO ESPOUSE THIS CLAIM. KISSINGER

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